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FOR INSPECTOR GENERAL FROM CHARGE

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SUBJECT: POST MEMORANDUM

REF: INSPECTION INSTRUCTIONS AND STATE 212834

1. RELATIONS WITH HOST COUNTRY: WE WOULD CHARACTERIZE OUR RELATIONS WITH THE GOCB IN THE SAME TERMS IN WHICH CONGOLESE PRESIDENT YHOMBY-OPANGO HAS DESCRIBED THEM, NAMELY, AS "EXCELLENT". WE ARE PARTICULARLY PLEASED, FOLLOWING A 12-YEAR ABSENCE FROM BRAZZAVILLE AND OUR PRESENCE HERE FOR ONLY TEN MONTHS NOW, THAT WE HAVE REACHED THIS POINT IN OUR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS. WE HAVE READY ACCESS TO THE CONGOLESE, AND FIND THEM TO BE WILLING ANS USUALLY SYMPATHETIC LISTENERS ON ALL QUESTIONS, INCLUDING THOSE RELATED TO MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. ISSUES AND PROBLEMS: REOPENING AN EMBASSY AFTER A LONG ABSENCE IS A PROBLEM IN ITSELF, AS IS THE DEVELOP-MENT OF A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP AMONG MEMBERS OF A COMPLETELY NEW AND DIVERSE COUNTRY TEAM AND STAFF.
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WE HAVE HAD A VERY FULL PLATE ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE, AND I AM FRUSTRATED THAT SOME MATTERS WHICH I HAD HOPED TO HAVE SEEN ATTENDED TO BY NOW HAVE NOT BEEN. I AM SATISFIED , HOWEVER, THAT A LAST , PROPER HOUSING IS AVAILABLE FOR OUR STAFF. BY THE TIME OF THE INSPECTION, HOPEFULLY WE WILL HAVE A NEW ADMIN OFFICER IN PLACE, POSITIVE CONSIDERATION BY WASHINGTON OF OUR

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REQUESTS FOR A LARGER LOCAL COMPLEMENT PLUS A GSO OR
TCN, AND OUR COMMO PROBLEMS WILL BE ON THEIR WAY TO
BEING RESOLVED. THERE ARE OTHER PROBLEMS, BUT NONE
WHICH I WOULD NOW CHARACTERIZE AS "SERIOUS", AND I WANT
TO RESPECT YOUR WISH FOR BREVITY.

3. EVALUATION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: I AM PARTICULARLY
PLEASED WITH OUR PROGRESS IN ACCOMPLISHING OBJECTIVES
SET FORTH IN OUR DEPARTMENT- APPROVED MESSAGE LISTING
US GOALS HERE (BRAZZAVILLE A-6). THE CONGOLESE HAVE
BEEN ESPECIALLY RESPONSIVE TO OUR DESIRE THAT THEY
PLAY A ROLE IN ANGOLAN/ZAIRIAN MEDIATION, WHICH ROLE
HAS PROVEN SUCCESSFUL. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROMOTE
VISITS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF A NUMBER OF AMERICAN
BUSINESSES, AND THEIR INVESTMENT IN KEY SECTORS
OF THE CONGOLESE ECONOMY. PRIVATE AND QUASI- GOVERN-
MENTAL FINANCING HAS BECOME AVAILABLE AND BEEN UTILIZED.
A PEACE CORPS PROGRAM LIKELY WILL BEGIN IN DECEMBER.
WE ARE DRAWING SUCCESSFULLY ON REGIONAL AID RESOURCES.
OUR CULTURAL PROGRAM IS EXPANDING. WE HAVE RECEIVED
GENERALYY GOOD BACKSTOPPING FROM WASHINGTON ON THESE
MATTERS. OUR STAFF IS WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM TO
ACCOMPLISH THESE OBJECTIVES AND, COMPLEMENTING
OUR EFFORTS, OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH EMBASSY KINSHASA
IS NOW SYSTEMATIZED, PROFESSIONAL, AND CORDIAL. WE HOPE
TO PRESENT AT THE TIME FOR THE INSPECTION A GOOD BALANCE
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SHEET FOR A POST WHICH WILL HAVE BEEN OPEN ONLY
SLIGHTLY LONGER THAN 12 MONTHS IN NOVEMBER.
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